Legislative proposals on child sexual abuse

*186. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has any specific proposals on legislation and procedures against child sexual abuse; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is considering a proposal for a comprehensive law to bring all offences against children under one legislation, including sexual abuse.

Zonal benches of Supreme Court

*187. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India has urged Government to set up zonal benches of the Supreme Court and allow the principal bench to hear cases only on constitutional matters and inter-State disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up zonal benches of Supreme Court in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The Government has not received any proposal from the Chief Justice of India for setting up zonal benches of the Supreme Court and allow the principal bench to hear cases only on Constitutional matters and inter-State disputes.

The Government can consider the matter after such a proposal/recommendation is received from the Chief Justice of India as per the provisions of Article 130 of the Constitution.

Augmentation of transmission capacity

†*188. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the current capacity, a target of threefold increase in the power transmission capacity in the country by 2012 has been set;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that very limited transformer testing facility is available in the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, whether 90 MVA capacity transformers are sent abroad for testing; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for not establishing the said testing facility in the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

According to the National Electricity Plan, about 95000 circuit kilometers of transmission lines of 220kV and above are planned during the 11 Five Year Plan period as against about 198000 circuit kilometers that existed at the end of 10th Plan, that is, March 2007. In respect of transformation capacity of 220kV and above AC transmission system, about 177000 MVA capacity has been planned for the 11th Five Year Plan period. The transformation capacity by end of 10th Plan was about 251000 MVA. Details are given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) All facilities for testing of transformers upto 400kV class, except for the Short Circuit test, are available in the country. The Short Circuit testing facility for transformers available at Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) in the country is limited to testing of transformers upto 90 MVA and upto 245kV voltage class.

(d) Transformers of 90 MVA capacity (up to 245kV voltage class) are not sent abroad for testing.

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement

Cumulative growth in transmission sector and programme for eleventh plan

	Unit	At the end of VIII Plan *i.e.* March 1997	At the end of IX Plan *i.e.* March 2002	At the end of X Plan i.e. March 2007	Target at the end of XI Plan i.e. March 2012
	1	2	3	4	5
Transmission Lines					
		VIII Plan	IX Plan	X Plan	XI Plan
765 kV	ckm	409	971	1704	7132
HVDC+/-500kV	ckm	3138	3138	5872	11078
HVDC 200kV Monopole	ckm	0	162	162	162
400 kV	ckm	36142	49378	75722	125000
230/220 kV	ckm	79601	96993	114629	150000
TOTAL Transmission Line	ckm	119290	150642	198089	293372
Substation					
HVDCBTB	MW	1500	2000	3000	3000
HVDC Bipole+Monopole	MW	1500	3200	5200	11200
TOTAL-HVDC Terminal Capacity	MW	3000	5200	8200	14200

	1	2	3	4	5
765 kV	MVA	0	0	2000	53000
400 kV	MVA	40865	60380	92942	145000
230/220 kV	MVA	84177	116363	156497	230000
TOTAL- AC Substation Capacity	MVA	125042	176743	251439	428000

Retirement age of teachers

*189. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal to increase the retirement age of teachers of NCERT to 65 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Prof. Chadha Committee has also recommended to increase the retirement age of teachers, including NCERT teachers to 65 years, in view of shortage of teachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government to it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The University Grant Commission Committee to review the pay scales and service conditions of University and College teachers was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. G. K. Chadha. The Committee, in its report of October, 2008, has recommended that the age of superannuation of teachers should be 65 years throughout the country whether working in a State or Central University as also whether in a college or in a university. There is no recommendation concerning National Council of Educational Research & Training in the report.

(e) The Chadha Committee Report is under consideration.

Social audit of RGGVY

*190. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently decided to have social audit of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and to ensure transparency in implementation of the scheme;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether several States in the country are lagging behind in implementing the scheme; and